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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dang D. Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 11/06/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. First of all, it is noted that claim 10 does not clearly indicate that "the terminal connectors for each phase are comprised of a plurality of separate conductors that lie in a common plane." The applicant argued that "each phase winding is not comprised of a plurality of connectors having ends connected to coil windings." In contrast, Kondo et al. clearly shows the each phase winding is comprised of a plurality of connectors (4a) having ends (4b) connected to coil windings (2) in Figures 2 and 5. It is also noted that the plurality of connectors are designated by the letters a instead of the letters b as the applicant mistakenly identified. Similarly, the terminal ends are designated by the letter b.

As a result, the rejection is still deemed proper and repeated hereinafter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kondo et al. (5,900,687).

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Regarding claim 10, Kondo et al. shows a terminal structure (Figure 2) for interconnecting coil ends in a plural phase rotary electrical machine and adapted to be mounted at one axial end of a core (top, Figure 1) having a plurality of circumferentially spaced pole teeth (1) around which electrical coils (2) are wound, said terminal structure comprising a plurality of interconnected (at 3b, shown in Figure 6) conductors (3) equal in number to at least the number of phases (3 phases) and bonded (column 4, lines 25-35) in spaced relationship to each other, the interconnected conductors of each of said phase interconnected each having at least two circumferentially spaced terminal end portions (3b, Figure 2) for receiving a coil wire end from a respective one of said coil windings (Figures 5-7).

Regarding claim 11, it is noted that Kondo et al. also shows the phases being axially spaced from each other (Figure 4).

Regarding claim 12, it is noted that Kondo et al. also shows the each phase-specific terminal member being made of plural connecting pieces comprised of arcs of concentric circles (Figure 2).

Regarding claim 13, it is noted that Kondo et al. also shows the interconnected conductors of each of the phases all lying in a common axial plane (Figure 6 and admitted by the applicant in paper dated 11/06/05).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-7 and 9 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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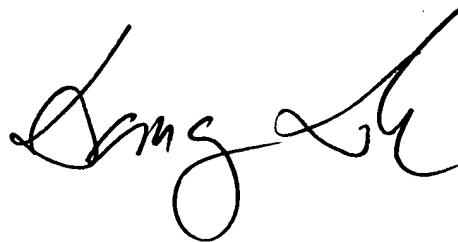
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER